



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

September 28, 2008
Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE

The prelude is a time of centering – a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” You are invited to take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit

Composer: Franconia; Harmonischer Liederschatz, Frankfurt 1738

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp

Come, Holy Spirit, come, oh, hear my humble prayer!
Stoop down and make my heart Thy home, and shed Thy blessing there.
Thy light, Thy love impart, and let it ever be
A holy, humble, happy heart, a dwelling place for Thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

*People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.*

*Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.*

*People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.*

HYMN 253

I'll Praise My Maker

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-13 (New Testament, page 197)

ANTHEM The Love Commandment
Music: W.A. Mozart

Love all that surrounds you in all your living.
Love order, peacefulness and harmony.
Love, love all people as your family.
Learn to love all people as family.
Learn to love beauty in all you see,
The strong in body, the mighty in wisdom.
Give each in friendship your hand of faithfulness,
And to each one be truthful all the days of your life.

Now break the bonds that hold you captive.
Now break the bonds of prejudice and hate
Reveal to all goodwill.
May people be free from all bonds of hatred.
O God, awaken us, awake in all of us
The knowledge that all souls, that all minds
Can learn to live in peace.

O break the bonds that hold us all apart.
Let us learn to live, let us all live as family.

Think not that all of us who dwell on earth are evil.
Do unto others, do to all the good that you would have them do.
For we all need to work together.
No longer give a backward look on all the past.
Look forward. You can help each other.
Be strong and wise, be hopeful, you and all people.
You will receive the pleasure of new friendships.
You will receive new freedom in your living.
You must not fear that you will cease rejoicing.
You must enlarge the love of giving.
Then, only then, will people live in peace.
You, yes, you will obtain the life so full of joy.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament, page 64)

SERMON A Holy Struggle

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 282 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Fellowship in the Holy Spirit
Music: Gustav Holst; Words: J.R. Peacey

Filled with the Spirit’s power, with one accord the infant Church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the Church today no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call, and readiness in each to work for all.
Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong care all souls of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE *Unison* *Tune: Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him[†] all creatures here below!
Praise Him[†] above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost![‡]

[†]*You may substitute the word "God"*

[‡]*You may substitute the words "Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!"*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 452 O Day of God Draw Nigh

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE Go with Us, Lord *(For music see hymn 535)*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Liturgist – Jacob Anderson-Little, Carrie Muegge, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Jan Schulte-Glad

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Soloists – Laura Brady, Soprano; Tom Sitzler, Bass

September 28, 2008
Spiritual Growth – 9:30 a.m.
Gather for Worship – 10:20 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.



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News and Notes

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to consider becoming a member. The next new member classes will start this evening. Please speak with Dan Anderson-Little if you are interested.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Trinity Church welcomes children in its worship services. Nursery and childcare are provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger. And, Trinity kids, remember to pick up your own worship bags in the back of the Church! Spiritual growth classes for kids are held at 9:30 am Sunday mornings.

ADULT EDUCATION

Our Adult Education series, "Saving Jesus," continues this morning at 9:30 am in the Chapel. This 12-session DVD and discussion of Jesus through the ages will explore our traditional beliefs about Jesus and move on to challenge or affirm us with some new ideas. The program contains contributions from the great religious thinkers of our time and will be moderated by Rick Hasler and Larry Pontious. If you cannot attend all 12 sessions, please come when you can, as each session is self-contained. Upcoming topics:

- *Today: Who Was Jesus?*
- *Oct. 5: What Can We Know About Jesus (and How)?*
- *Oct. 12: The World into Which Jesus was Born*
- *Oct. 19: Jesus' Birth: Incarnation*
- *Oct. 26: Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition*
- *Nov. 2: Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God*



You can also check the DVD series out of the office to view on your own...

TODAY AT TRINITY

WEEDING HELP: Stay after church today to help beautify our small garden plots. Speak with Bonnie Roy if you can help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL INTERFAITH FUNDRAISING DINNER: Would you like to help fill out the Trinity table? Please talk to George Philips. The dinner will be held on Thursday Oct 23, 2008, from 7:00 pm-9:30 pm at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Clayton. The Keynote Speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and formerly Professor of Mission, Peace and Ecumenical Studies at Eden Theological Seminary. His Topic: *Our Interfaith World: Think Globally, Act Locally.*

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM: We have a number of ways in which we can minimize our footprint in the world at Trinity--recycling, energy changes (light bulbs, heating/cooling), eco-palms, paper consumption, etc. Especially now that we have our report of recommendations from our recent energy audit, the time is ripe to develop this Team idea further (a handful of members have been discussing this since the mission fair last fall). If you are interested, please let Liz know in the office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE WILD WITH WORDS, a new small group meeting at Trinity. ALL are welcome and NO writing experience is necessary. The next Wild With Words meeting is on Sunday, October 5, 6:30-8 in the Weems Chapel (Note the time change). Talk to Julie March for more information.

COME TO THE GALLERY to see pictures and artwork from Trinity's recent Mound Ridge retreat.

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, and at Trinity it will certainly be a "World Wide Celebration," lifting up members from our congregation with ties around the world. We hope you will plan to join us as we break bread from many nations and hear the words of Jesus in languages spoken around the world. It promises to be a very moving and memorable occasion!

ADVENT BAGS: There is still an opportunity to help with the Advent Bags. We still need people who can deliver the bags. The delivery period is two weeks between November 16 and the start of Advent, November 30. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help. Any questions, please call Sandy Norkaitis 863-7699.

CROP WALK – HERE WE COME! The St. Louis Ecumenical CROP Walk is off and running as churches and religious communities all over the St. Louis metropolitan area set their sights on raising \$150,000 to feed the poor. 25% of the funds will go to Operation Food Search here in St. Louis to support metro-wide hunger relief efforts, and the remaining 75% will be used by Church World Service and other international agencies for disaster relief and self-help projects throughout the world. On Sunday, Oct. 5, we will have a table in the Narthex for you to sign up to walk in the CROP Walk, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26 in Forest Park at 1 pm. You can donate online at: www.cropwalkonline.org, click on Missouri and donate to our "Trinity Trotters." It's easy, quick and makes all the difference in the world!

FUNDRAISING DINNER: On Sunday evening October 26th, the God's Child Project will host a fundraising dinner at Trinity. Money raised will go to building houses in Guatemala, a project that 3 members of the congregation have participated in. The evening will feature a Central American dinner, a merchandise sale of items from Guatemala, Flamenco dancing and good company! The cost of the meal will be \$30.00, with the proceeds going directly to God's Child. Reservations are needed by October 12th. Call Nancy Wagoner at 863-2323 to RSVP of with questions. The display case in the dining room has some of the memorabilia from our last build.

TRINITY RETIREE OUTING: It's color time again! Retirees will meet at the church at 9:30 am on Thursday, Oct. 16th and leave at 9:45 am. The group will drive to Hermann, MO and back by another route, and will dine at The Vintage Restaurant in Hermann. Call the Church office to RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 14th.

BREAK THE BREAD OF NEW CREATION; PEACEMAKING ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: *"Then they told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'."*

Each year members of Trinity Presbyterian Church join other churches in The Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) to bring peace to God's children in God's world. We declare that peacemaking is the believer's calling, that all our joint ministries should proclaim peacemaking and that Presbyterians will work for peace in their own lives, their families, their community and the world. We also join with the entire Presbyterian family and the Peacemaking Program to provide financial means to bring peace on earth. **The Peacemaking Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 5**, the day of Worldwide Communion, as we celebrate with brothers and sisters around the world the many great gifts given to us by God. These next three weeks you will find in your worship bulletin examples of ministries in the world made possible by our joint Peacemaking efforts and dollars.

CAN YOU "CARRY A TUNE IN A BUCKET?" How about in church? Do you long to sing out on the hymns in church but worry that you won't sound good? Have you ever thought about singing with the Trinity Choir, but are unsure of your vocal/musical skills? Do you sing "by ear" but want to learn how to read musical notation? Fear no more! A beginning Sight-Singing Class will start on October 2nd at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome to try learning some "new tricks" in this risk-safe environment. This pilot class is expected to run for 10 weeks between October 2 and December 18 (there are two "off-weeks" during that time), but may continue indefinitely depending upon interest level. For more information, contact me at vcarmichael44@gmail.com or call the church office at 314-725-3840.

KIDS WHO SING, Karen Coletti is forming a 5th-8th grade youth choir to start on October 5th in Room 206 after worship. Please talk with her if you'd like to join in the fun!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Consider signing up for our next build days, Saturdays, Oct. 4, 11, and 25th. Contact Pat pcg@wustl.edu, or call him at 314-727-1471 (home) or 314-935-6271 (work) with any questions.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Joys:

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For the birth of Valyn Jean-Marie Lutz, born at 7:04am on September 19, 2008, daughter of Jasman and Chris Lutz.
- For Joy Pipes who has returned to her apartment after being treated for a mild stroke.

Concerns:

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Rhonda Dunbar and her family at the death of her aunt Patricia who died on September 19 after a battle with cancer.
- For Vickie Jeter and her family at the death of her father Bill Carroll in Ellijay, GA on September 11, 2008.
- For Chastity Brown, 31-year-old daughter of Diane O'Brien's friend Lerniece, who died on Sept. 6.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Diane O'Brien at St. Mary's hospital with appendicitis.
- For Virginia Bregitzer, former member of Trinity, receiving hospice care at home suffering with ALS.
- For Margy Brown's father, Dick, who is in hospice care in Pennsylvania.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, and her family as Barbara moves into a nursing home to care for her Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill begins treatment for brain cancer in California.

- For Lynn Reid's grandfather in Iowa who is in poor health.
- For Betty Gray, Diana's sister-in-law (brother's wife), whose lung cancer has progressed and is in the last stages of her life.
- For Christy Schindler's mother Marty Hird who is recovering from depression following the death of a close friend and cousin.
- For Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, undergoing chemotherapy for abdominal cancer.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Christy Schindler's cousin Mark Mellinger, in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer and experiencing many complications.
- Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- Don Weems, having back and eye concerns.
- The Pontious family (Elaine, Larry, Adam & Tati) as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

Helen Bauer	Myrtle Beckmeyer	Colleen Osborn	Jim Pettus
Mabel Howell	Juanita Bruns	Eleanor Griffin	Maxine Story
Evelyn Patterson			

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Tuesday, September 30

11:00 am

7:00 pm

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Equipping Team meeting, Lisa Bernhard's home

Wednesday, October 1

1:00 – 4:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Session meeting, Chapel

Thursday, October 2

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Friday, October 3

Office closed

Saturday, October 4

All day

Habitat Build Day

Sunday, October 5

11:30 am

6:30 pm

Deacons meeting, Chapel

Wild with Words writing group, Chapel

TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor

The Rev. Julie March, Associate Pastor for Equipping

Vicki Carmichael, Interim Minister of Music—Choir Director

Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, Interim Minister of Music—Organist

Elizabeth Nelson, Church Administrator

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